

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**[FRL-5346-4]****Workshop on Trace Metals Analysis****AGENCY:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Office of Water is sponsoring two workshops to aid attendees in resolving the problems associated with the sampling and analysis of trace metals, including the difficulty in precluding contamination. These workshops will be held in conjunction with the Public Meetings on Method Flexibility and Streamlining Approval of Analytical Methods at 40 CFR Part 136 announced concurrently in the Federal Register.

DATES: EPA will conduct the Trace Metals Workshops on Wednesday, January 24, 1996, in Boston, Massachusetts and on Tuesday, February 13, 1996, in Chicago, Illinois. Registration for each workshop will begin at 10:00 AM. Each workshop will be held from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

ADDRESSES: The workshop on January 24, 1996, will be held in the O'Neill Auditorium, Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts. The workshop on February 13, 1996, will be held in the Morrison Room, Metcalfe Building, 77 West Jackson, Chicago, Illinois

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning this notice can be directed to Marion Thompson by phone at (202)260-7117 or by facsimile at (202)260-7185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting arrangements are being coordinated by DynCorp, Inc. For information on registration, contact Cindy Simbanin, 300 N. Lee Street, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: (703)519-1386. Facsimile number: (703)684-0610. Space is limited and reservations are being taken on a first come, first served basis. No fees will be charged to attend.

Hotel reservations for Massachusetts may be made by contacting the Holiday Inn-Government Center in Boston at (617)742-7630. Guest rates are \$101 single and \$121 double occupancy, including tax. Reservations must be made by January 5, 1996, and you must specify that you are affiliated with USEPA/TM to qualify for the quoted rate.

For the Chicago meeting, hotel reservations may be made by contacting Marriott Reservations at (800)228-9290. Guest rates are \$91 single and double occupancy. These rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes. Reservations must be made by January 20, 1996, and you must reference the event as the EPA TM Meeting and request the Chicago Marriott-Downtown in order to qualify for the group rate.

Accommodations are limited at each location, so please make your

reservations early. The hotels are within walking distance of the meeting facilities.

Background

The USEPA Office of Water's interest in trace metals determinations has been driven by the development of ambient water quality criteria (WQC) in response to Congressional mandates in the 1987 Water Quality Act. Ambient water quality criteria require determinations of metals at levels significantly lower than those required by technology-based effluent limits or achievable by routine environmental laboratory analyses.

Agenda Topics

The Office of Water's purpose in sponsoring these workshops is to assist State and Regional authorities, regulated community, and commercial laboratories in understanding the requirements and techniques necessary to determine trace metals at EPA's ambient WQC levels. These workshops will focus on sampling and analysis techniques, data review, and quality assurance measures necessary to support reliable trace metals measurements for data gathering and compliance monitoring purposes.

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